

House Resolution 854

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Burkhalter of the 50th, and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and inviting Beverly Vaughn to appear before the House of Representatives;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Beverly Vaughn is a native of DeKalb County, Georgia, and is a distinguished
4 graduate of Young Harris College and Georgia Southern University, where she earned a
5 degree in Therapeutic Recreation; and

6 WHEREAS, she has conducted a phenomenal career over the years in the areas of
7 rehabilitation, therapeutic recreation, and interscholastic athletics for student athletes with
8 physical or visual impairments; and

9 WHEREAS, she held the position of coordinator of the American Association of Adapted
10 Sports Programs (AAASP) for the DeKalb County School System from 1990 to 2006, and
11 during her tenure, she developed the interscholastic athletic program model for adapted
12 sports that has been recognized nationally as an outstanding and innovative program; and

13 WHEREAS, she cofounded the AAASP to serve as the governing body for interscholastic
14 adapted athletics programs, and she was instrumental in developing an alliance with the
15 Georgia High School Association to serve Georgia students with physical disabilities or
16 visual impairments in the area of athletics; and

17 WHEREAS, under Beverly Vaughn's capable leadership, the AAASP has received numerous
18 national commendations and awards, including the 2006 Program Recognition Award by the
19 American Association of Physical Activity and Recreation, the America's Promise award,
20 and the Tommy Nobis Center Program Award; and

21 WHEREAS, AAASP was singled out among the top 100 programs in the nation among a
22 field of 1,600 that were reviewed as semi-finalists for the Innovations in American

1 Government Award of the Ford Foundation at the John F. Kennedy School of
2 Government-Harvard University; and

3 WHEREAS, Beverly Vaughn is a 2006 recipient of the Congressional Medal of Distinction
4 for her unwavering commitment and advocacy for children and families with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, her dedication to children with disabilities and a vision for their full inclusion
6 in school and the community has brought honor to the State of Georgia.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body hereby recognize Beverly Vaughn for her tireless and
9 compassionate service to youth with disabilities in this state, congratulate her on her
10 extensive awards and honors, and extend to her their sincerest best wishes for her future
11 health and fulfillment.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Beverly Vaughn is hereby invited to appear before the
13 House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for the
14 purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this
15 resolution.